



Carlsbad Unified School District

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FACT SHEET: OCTOBER 8, 2010 SHOOTING INCIDENT AT KELLY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

OCTOBER 11, 2010 ... Here is a list of facts currently known about the October 8, 2010 shooting incident at Kelly Elementary School in Carlsbad, CA.

Information will be updated as it becomes available. Related data, including police reports, statements from the District Superintendent and Kelly Principal, and other information, is posted at www.carlsbadusd.k12.ca.us.

TIMELINE OF EVENTS

- ✚ At 12:12 pm on Friday, October 8, 2010, a lone gunman drove to Kelly Elementary School at 4885 Kelly Drive, got out of his car and began shooting a handgun at random at children who were on the playground during lunchtime recess. He had extra bullets on his person and carried a container of gas with matches onto the area.
- ✚ Two second-grade girls, ages six and seven, experienced non-life-threatening wounds in the upper extremities. They were quickly transported by helicopter to Rady Children's Hospital in San Diego. Their parents were notified immediately. One student was released from the hospital on Sunday, October 10, 2010.
- ✚ Within three minutes of the shooting, the remaining Kelly students were ushered rapidly but calmly inside and the school went on immediate lockdown. These safety procedures had been regularly practiced.
- ✚ Within this same timeframe, three construction workers on the scene courageously intervened; chasing the suspect over the fence, hitting him with a truck, tackling him, wresting the gun from him and – with the help of two Kelly noontime aides and two neighborhood residents – detaining him until the Carlsbad police arrived within minutes.
- ✚ The suspect, identified as Brendan L. O'Rourke of Oceanside, was booked into the Vista Detention Facility on six counts of attempted murder and numerous weapons violations.
- ✚ All Kelly parents were quickly notified of the incident via an automated connect system. After that, all District staff, students and families were notified.

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- ✚ San Diego County Sheriff Bomb Squad personnel cleared the suspect's vehicle, which had a propane tank adjacent, while numerous Carlsbad Police Department and Fire Department personnel at the scene were aided in their investigation and crowd control efforts by staff from the Oceanside and Escondido Police Departments, California Highway Patrol, several San Diego County Sheriff stations, California State Parks, the North County Division of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and trained volunteers.
- ✚ Kelly students and staff remained calmly in their classrooms with doors locked and other safety measures in place while emergency personnel cleared the school, room by room.
- ✚ Parents were notified that they could reunite with their children beginning at approximately 3:30 pm at Laguna Riviera Park, adjacent to Kelly Elementary, at the corner of Kelly Drive and Park Drive. Volunteers and counselors from the Trauma Intervention Program (TIP) and American Red Cross were stationed at the scene to provide snacks, water and support.
- ✚ Thanks to the admirably calm parents, staff and students, and to the organization of emergency personnel, children were escorted in an orderly manner, classroom by classroom, from the school to the park, where, family by family, they were joyfully reunited.
- ✚ After the reunification was complete, District officials and safety personnel met with Kelly staff on-site. Staff vehicles were retained in the parking lot until Saturday, October 9, 2010, after being cleared by the Police.
- ✚ As of this date, no connection between the suspect and Kelly Elementary has been found to exist. There seems to be no prior relationship between him and the school, its employees or parents. His actions appear to be a random act of violence. To date, he has not cooperated by providing information regarding his motivation.
- ✚ District officials, Kelly administration, Police and Fire personnel and trauma specialists met and coordinated throughout the October 9-10, 2010 weekend to ensure the safety of students and staff at Kelly and at all District schools. Together, they created a Monday, October 11, 2010 program for Kelly, including police protection and ample counseling for staff, students and parents, as well as a lunchtime celebration to begin the healing process of an event, which, thanks to all, was a miracle, not a tragedy.
- ✚ On the afternoon of Sunday, October 10, 2010, Kelly staff and parents were notified of the Monday schedule. After that, all District staff and parents received a connect message from the Superintendent explaining procedures and announcing that schedules at all schools other than Kelly would resume as normal on Monday. It is anticipated that Kelly will resume its normal schedule on Tuesday, October 12, 2010.
- ✚ As a strictly precautionary measure, extra police personnel were stationed at all sites on Monday.
- ✚ Professional counseling will be available at all sites, as long as it is needed.